

Historic Milwaukie NDA Minutes

January 13, 2013

Location: Pond House, Milwaukie, OR

Date: January 13, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM

City Liaison: Katie Newell

Members attending: 10

Vice Chair Scott Barbur introduced himself and opened the meeting. Chair Jean Baker was ill. He called on acting MPD Chief Steve Bartol. Acting Chief Bartol discussed recent and current personnel changes, including the new school resource officer beginning this week. He also announced that the officer of the year dinner will be held February 27th. Chief Bartol was asked about the crime stats that were handed out in the past. The internet address to the crime mapper site, where those statistics are located, was provided to everyone at the meeting.

Next on the agenda was Claudia Steinberg from TriMet. Claudia came announcing the beginning of the public outreach process regarding reconfiguration of bus routes in the SE area, triggered by the 2015 opening of the orange light rail line. She provided a handout for everyone and a comment card they could return later. TriMet would like to know the importance and the details of transit service to the community. They are planning a public workshop in early March.

Claudia was asked about an IGA on maintenance at and around transit stations. She said that was an active process at this time.

Katie Newell our city liaison gave us a brief city update. She provided everyone with two flyers and a comment card regarding the potential bond measure to refinance the city's light rail obligation. She also gave everyone a copy of the NDA liaison updates for January.

Dion asked Katie about progress on the parks master plan and the Adam street connector project, both were supposed to be making progress at this time.

Scott called for a short break so members and guests could enjoy the pizza, coffee, and cold beverages. We returned with introductions around the room as NHA circulated a brochure and development concept plan.

Next on the agenda were representatives Jonathan Trutt and Martha McClellan from Northwest Housing Alternatives. (Who were kind enough to attend our meeting on very short notice) Martha introduced NHA, their history, projects, and programs. They plan to redevelop their holdings in Milwaukie, breaking ground in 2016.

Jonathan walked the group through the handout containing history, zoning, and a concept plan for redevelopment of their property. Their concept plan would include 32 rental units for low income families, and 8 shelter units for homeless families. The maximum number of stories would be 3.

Jonathan and Martha were very professional. They answered many questions and provided additional information on the qualifications for renting an apartment, the need for low income housing, current staffing levels and hours and more.

Questions and comments from the NDA members included the following topics.

Plans for additional property purchases, changes in character of the neighborhood, parking problems present and future, impact on home values, number of police visits, apartment style development over options that would fit in better with adjacent homes, impacts to neighborhood, existing population of low income in Milwaukie, what social economic factors they look for in choosing a location successful for the residents, vision for Milwaukie's future, present bad relations with neighbors. Anyone who had a positive view of their plans did not express it that evening.

Next Dion, presented two designs for sign toppers, they both received rave reviews she will get quotes on the cost of each and come back to the next meeting for a decision.

Finally the members provided reports and updates on the various boards, commission, and committees they serve on, as well as individual projects.

Updates from PSAC, Kellogg Good Neighbor, Riverfront, Planning Commission, Strawbale Films, and NDA Traffic/bike/ped, project were presented and discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by Ray Bryan